



CITY OF LODI

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Introduction of Lodi Police SWAT Team as First Place Winners of the Grass Valley Advanced SWAT Competition

DATE: August 1, 2001

PREPARED BY: JERRY J. ADAMS, CHIEF OF POLICE

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That Chief Adams introduce the Lodi Police SWAT Team to the Council In recognition for their First Place Win in the Grass Valley Advanced SWAT Competition.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: On May 16-18, 2001 the Lodi Police SWAT Team competed in the Grass Valley Advanced SWAT Competition and finished first among 11 teams. Other law enforcement agencies competing were from Oakland, Alameda, Livermore, Fremont, Nevada County, Douglas County (Nevada), Sutter County, Medford (Oregon), Grass Valley and Rocklin.

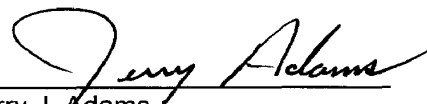
The event, which is highly competitive and physically challenging, consisted of three days of realistic training scenarios which included hostage, rescue, robbery in progress, a high risk search warrant entry and an active shooter scenario at a school site. The competition also included numerous shooting courses and physical challenges. The scenarios are designed to train and test the preparedness of SWAT teams in handling critical incidents and high-risk situations.

Lieutenant Blair Ullring, an evaluator from the Stockton Police Department said the Lodi team displayed Exceptional teamwork, discipline and obviously trained and prepared for this event. In order to perform at a high level, team members must be able to shoot well, be in exceptional physical condition and work well as a team. The Lodi team performed exceptionally well in all of these areas.

This is the third year the team has participated in the competition, placing 12th in 1999 and 9th in 2000. Lodi PD SWAT Team members had been preparing for the competition intensely for several months.

Those competing in this year's event were Corporals Chris Jacobson, Jose Nuno and Mark Clary and Officers Fernando Martinez and Steve Carillo. The team was lead by Lieutenant Gary Benincasa and Sergeant Chris Piombo.

FUNDING: None Required.


Jerry J. Adams
Chief of Police

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APPROVED: _____
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